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U.S. SOLDIERS IN MEXICO NOW 12,000

Border Is Patrolled by 18,000 More, While Only 2,000 Are Left to Guard the Rest of the U. S. Domain

Washington, April 11.—Twelve thousand United States soldiers are in Mexico, it was learned officially today. Most of them are engaged in guarding communications.

Eighteen thousand more are patrolling the border. Only 2,000 troops remain in the rest of the country, scattered in little groups in Spokane, San Diego, Alaska, the lake district and the northwest.

The war department has referred to President all inquiries with regard to the advisability of using the militia, if it is necessary to have additional troops. Recruits are not fit for active service until they have had at least three months' training. Duplication of the San Geronimo dash will be necessary if the Americans hope to overtake Villa, army men declared. He is a full day or more ahead of General Pershing's men. But army leaders said they felt the United States soldiers were equal to the task. They think the trail is still warm and that the hunt will soon be successful.

POSSE AND BLOODHOUNDS FAIL TO FIND COX BROTHERS

Auburn, Cal., April 11.—While hundreds of mounted men and a pack of bloodhounds scoured the foothills around the city hunting for James and Albert Cox, who shot and seriously wounded Constable F. N. Deppenner last Sunday, the fugitives are believed today to have disguised themselves as hobos and ridden on a freight train to Reno.

FRENCH POSITIONS TAKEN BY GERMANS

Berlin, April 11.—More French positions northeast of Verdun and southwest of Douaumont have been captured by the Germans, official announcement claimed today.

On the east bank of the Meuse the French made counter-attacks south of Crows forest. All were repulsed heavily by sharp German machine gun fire, 222 prisoners being taken.

Near Pepper heights, the official statement said, strong French forces made a desperate endeavor to recapture lost positions. They were unable to do so and fell back in disorder.

South of St. Eloi, the war office said, British troops charged, hurling hand grenades. After a sharp struggle the British were thrown back into their own defenses, while the Germans retained their entire position.

FISHERMAN LOSES IN BOUT WITH ROOSTER

Pandleton, April 11.—L. A. McClintock is hors de combat as a result of a fracas with a buff Cochon rooster. McClintock was fishing near a barnyard when the rooster attacked him. Unable to pierce his rubber boots, the rooster plunged its beak successively in each thigh. The wounds swelled and McClintock was compelled to summon an automobile to get home.

SUPPORTERS OF DIAZ EXECUTED BY CARRANZISTAS

Juarez, Mex., April 11.—Executed by a firing squad of six Carranzistas, Florens Hernandez, Jose Bournel and Nicholas Chavarra paid the penalty for their alleged treachery today. They were lined up against an adobe wall inside an old cemetery and killed just at sunrise. Their bodies were left lying as they fell, for the public to view.

General Gavira announced that they had confessed that interests close to the Felix Diaz movement paid them money to foment a mutiny in the Juarez garrison. It was stated there would be no more executions, although two score others were implicated in the plot. The trio slain today was charged with being ring-leaders.

CLAIM CAPTURE OF 36,000 FRENCH

Berlin, April 11.—More than 36,000 French prisoners have been taken by Germans since the beginning of the attack on Verdun, it was semi-officially stated today.

On the Meuse west bank German troops captured ten square miles of territory. A much larger area was occupied on the east bank.

Countering the French statement that the republican troops planned the evacuation of Bethincourt as a "strategic move," a semi-official news agency published copies of a French army order, found on the battlefield. It urged the French commanders to hold Bethincourt at all costs.

FALSE REPORT OF VILLA'S DEATH

Columbus, N. M., April 11.—Mexicans encountered by the American advance forces are circulating false reports of Francisco Villa's death from wounds received at Guerrero to aid his escape, according to information brought here today by Lieutenants Dargue and Gorrell, army aviators, who arrived from the front in their aeroplanes.

Dargue said army men who had been over the scene of the Villa battle at Guerrero, in which the bandit leader was reported wounded, believe he was hit in both legs. They admitted reports of his serious wounding might be "inspired."

The report of his death given American troops at San Bernabe station said he had died of wounds and had been buried.

One wing of Lieutenant Dargue's aeroplane was punctured by a rifle bullet when the garrison at Chihuahua City volleyed at him when he first appeared. As he landed, Dargue declared crowds of angry Mexicans yelled "Kill the grink!" but Carranzistas officers explained the expedition's mission and restored friendliness.

Both Dargue and Gorrell flew 350 miles, from San Antonio to Columbus, in four hours. They reported that Villistas looted Santa Rosalia several days ago, but there were no Americans there.

While the aviators were not permitted to tell the whereabouts of American detachments and advance guards, they indicated the United States forces were engaged in a wide, sweeping movement toward Parral, clearing the intervening districts of all bandits.

SPY EXECUTED IN TOWER OF LONDON

London, April 11.—A spy, whose name is withheld, has been executed in the Tower of London, it was officially announced today.

FRENCH CHECK ASSAULTS OF CROWN PRINCE'S ARMY

Battle at Verdun Continues in Unabated Fury, But the Germans Are Unable to Break Down the Defenses at Verdun, Though Thousands of Men Are Being Sacrificed in the Attempt to Take the Great French Stronghold

London, April 11.—Meeting the most savage German attacks with furious counter-assaults and sheets of flame from rapid-fire guns, the French are checking Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm's strongest blows against Verdun today.

The French offensive rivals that which the crown prince is launching against Dead Man's hill, where the smash at Verdun has reached its highest power.

Leaping from their trenches to meet the advancing hordes of Germans, the French fought them to a standstill and halted them everywhere, except along the barren northeastern ridge of Dead Man's hill, where the Germans gained a foothold.

Hurled back from the French barbed wire entanglements, the tide of spiked helmets receded, leaving a trail of dead and dying, while tons of metal from thundering guns concealed in forests and behind hills dropped with tremendous explosions in the midst of the struggling masses.

Berlin's statements indicated that the French lost at least 100,000 men in the defense. It was also semi-officially claimed that more than 36,000 French prisoners had been taken. Paris figured German losses in the 51-day fight at more than 300,000.

Official communiques indicated that the desperate French resistance was breaking up the German offensive while it is at the crest of its strength. The battle has narrowed to a three-mile front around Dead Man's hill, and has increased greatly in intensity, with the German and French commanders bringing every gun and every man they can use into action on that narrow line.

London, April 11.—Under the most tremendous blows in history, the French line at Verdun is still holding today.

Wave after wave of gray-coated Germans has been thrown against the defenders on a six-mile front northwest of the citadel.

The French have not only repulsed

these repeated attacks but have driven the Germans back in places in savage hand-to-hand fighting on the southern bank of Forges brook.

Beginning with the new infantry assaults Saturday, the battle has hourly become more violent until now it appears that it is about to culminate in a grand German assault on both banks of the Meuse.

"If the French hold this time, Verdun is saved beyond a doubt," declared a prominent English authority today.

Twenty thousand Germans have been killed or disabled in two days of the new Verdun attack. Paris also admitted today that the French losses were very heavy.

All day yesterday the Germans charged ceaselessly, one rank dashing forward, only to be blown to pieces and immediately succeeded by a fresh rank rushing into the same hell of bullets and shrapnel.

Division after division was sent against Dead Man's hill, but they only succeeded in penetrating advanced positions, and the French claim that most of these were recaptured by immediate counter-attacks.

Encouraged by their success in seizing Termiten ridge, the German commanders ordered a frontal attack on Hill 304. The Teutons came on in mass formation. They became lost and confused, however, in barren ravines and when the units were more or less demoralized by this.

French guns, which had been concealed on all sides, suddenly opened fire. Under this punishment from scores of cannon the German attack halted. As the Kaiser's men retired the French guns dropped dozens of high explosive shells among their huddled masses, lifting groups of shattered men out of the ranks, blowing them to pieces and biting great holes in the confused crowds.

Similar bloody scenes were enacted between Haucourt and Bethincourt. But on the eastern side, where the ravines sheltered the Germans from the French artillery, the Teutons shattered the French advanced line for more than a quarter of a mile.

NEW VERSION OF THE WOUNDING OF VILLA REPORTED FROM EL PASO

El Paso, April 11.—American cavalry is reported to have entered the state of Durango today. Far in advance of the United States forces, Francisco Villa is at Tepic, on the main highway leading to Durango City. It was reported. Besides these unconfirmed advices, arrivals from Chihuahua City brought a new version of the circumstances under which Villa was wounded.

They say that Andreas Rehaza, a Mexican, shot Villa in the leg at Guerrero March 30, after his daughter had been outraged. Villistas caught Rehaza, who attempted to flee after firing the shot. He was dragged before Villa. Although suffering severely from his injury, the bandit chief put his revolver to Rehaza's brow and sent a bullet into his brain.

Passengers on Chihuahua trains also added that Leon Bari, a French merchant of Guerrero, four Arab peddlers, a number of Mexicans, three Americans and two other foreigners were reported to have been murdered at Minaca and Guerrero.

The latter five were again said to be Dr. Steli, Lee Lindsey and Frank Wood, Americans; Herman Blankenburg, German, and Donald McGregor, British.

Travelers arriving here strongly denounced the Carranzistas. They charged government troops stepped out of Villa's path after he had defeated them at Guerrero. In Villa's flight from American forces through Minaca, La Junta, El Rancho de Santiago, Cierro Prieto, Satevo and Ojo Aules he was not at any time opposed by Carranzistas, according to these travelers.

The constitutionalists did not march from Chihuahua City after Villa until he was known to be well on his way to Durango.

How the Carranzistas at Durango City will receive Villa is a question uppermost in the minds of officials. A portion of the garrison, under the Arrieta brothers, was reported opposed to the American "invasion."

This report was not confirmed. Other reports had it that the Arrieta brothers were Villa's personal ene-

MARSHALL AGAIN TO RUN ON TICKET WITH MR. WILSON

Washington, April 11.—Thomas R. Marshall will be running mate of the democratic presidential nominee, and Senator James Hamilton Lewis will be temporary chairman of the democratic national committee, according to prospective arrangements of many democratic leaders gathered here today for Thursday's conference of state chairmen. There is some opposition to Lewis.

The democrats want to elect two senators from Indiana this fall and figure that Marshall's name would be needed on the ticket to aid them.

200,000 IS GERMAN LOSS AT VERDUN

Paris, April 11.—German losses in the battle of Verdun are now more than 200,000, according to an official French estimate today.

The Third German corps has lost 22,000 men, half its total strength, and the Eighteenth has lost 17,000. In a recent attack on Vaux the Sixteenth and Nineteenth corps lost 60 per cent of their personnel. Half of the Eleventh corps was wiped out in an assault on Avocourt.

Attacking with liquid fire, the Germans captured fragments of trenches on a ridge east of Dead Man's hill during the night. Elsewhere they were repulsed, the war office communique said.

Debouching from Crows wood, the Teutons were routed by a hot artillery and infantry fire.

East of the Meuse there was a bloody fight in which Germans attempting to recapture some lost ground south of Douaumont were heavily checked and thrown into disorder.

The Germans tried to use liquid fire there also, but their ranks were torn by big gun projectiles before they could get their flame throwers into action.

A terrific bombardment thundered all night in the Douaumont, Vaux and Woivre regions.

ASKS SEATTLE CHIEF OF POLICE TO RESIGN

Seattle, April 11.—Mayor Gill, in a letter written today, asked for the resignation of Chief of Police Lang. He is charged with general inefficiency.

No successor has yet been chosen. Donald Olsen, superintendent of the Monroe state reformatory, was offered the position yesterday afternoon, but did not accept it. He declared that the reformatory would require several more months of his time.

The mayor's decision to displace Chief Lang was crystallized yesterday after he had investigated charges that Lang had failed a young married man Thursday night who would not tell where he purchased two quarts of liquor.

mies and that they were entrencing at Durango City to give him a warm welcome.

A number of Zalazar sympathizers, including General Marcelo Caravo and General Zaragosa, have been arrested in El Paso. Department of justice agents, alarmed at Zalazar's escape from this country for the announced purpose of heading a new revolution in Mexico, are determined to break up all anti-Carranza factions here. There was an unconfirmed report that Carranzistas had raided Esquirodo's ranch at Villa Ahumada.

MEMBERSHIP OF CLUB IS GROWING

Eighteen Applications Received at Meeting of Local Commercial Organization Held on Monday Evening

The membership of the Grants Pass Commercial club was increased by 18 when applications to that number were received at the regular meeting of the club Monday evening. This marked a new high record for several years past in the number of applications on a single evening. The new members received were the following:

- H. D. Norton, city attorney.
- H. A. Schell, contractor.
- R. B. Miller, of Twoby Brothers Co.
- J. D. MacVicar, engineer for the Twoby Co.
- J. L. Schwenk, proprietor of the Star theater.
- Clyde E. Niles, manager of the Leonard Orchards Co.
- H. H. Basler, city auditor.
- J. C. Williams, of Williams & DeGenault, barbers.
- C. D. Thompson, county agent.
- K. Mizoguchi, contractor.
- B. C. Dunlap, manager Josephine hotel.
- Wm. Bunch, councilman.
- L. A. Launer, real estate dealer.
- Bert R. Elliott, dentist.
- Rev. J. H. Harmon, pastor-Christian church.
- Wilford Cannon, of the Oregon Utah Sugar company.
- Ralph E. Riley, assistant secretary Commercial club.
- M. C. Dague, manager fruit association.

The attendance at the club meeting was good in view of the inclemency of the weather, and a number of subjects were discussed. A letter received by the club from Congressman Hawley indicated that there was competition in the field in the effort to get a mining experiment station located in this district. He inclosed a clipping from a newspaper which stated that Congressman Sinnott had undertaken to have a station established at Baker, and in view of the fact that only three stations were to be established in the United States this year, Hawley said that Oregon would be doing well to get one. He feared that a division of the effort might lose both for the state, and inasmuch as his application for the station at Grants Pass was the first made, he felt that it should be given consideration. He suggested that data be forwarded backing up the claims of Grants Pass. The club directed that the state congressional delegation be asked to give its support to Mr. Hawley's request for recognition for southern

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VILLISTAS WOUND FIVE U. S. TROOPERS

San Antonio, April 11.—Five United States troopers were wounded fighting Villistas at San Geronimo, according to official dispatches received at army headquarters today from General Pershing. He submitted the following casualty list:

- Private Thomas Brown, shot in cheek, back and shoulder.
- Farrier B. P. Melndeville, two slight wounds.
- Private Joseph G. Bennett, shot in ankle.
- Private Joseph Garbell, shot in arm.
- Private Peter W. Gardner, shot in left arm.